

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 747

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Major General John Singlaub.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Major General (Retired) John Singlaub; and

WHEREAS, Major General Singlaub, a legendary commando who left his impact on the U.S. special operations community, worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1943, John Singlaub joined the Army as a second lieutenant in the infantry; and

WHEREAS, he quickly stood out by his energy and toughness and was selected for service in the elite Office of Strategic Services, a military and intelligence unit that specialized in special operations; and

WHEREAS, Major General Singlaub fought behind enemy lines and distinguished himself time and again with his grit and leadership as he led teams in both Normandy and Japanese-occupied China to locate and rescue Allied forces and prisoners; and

WHEREAS, at the end of WWII, Major General Singlaub was one of the very few Office of Strategic Services commandos who was selected to continue to serve in the Strategic Services Unit; and

WHEREAS, Major General Singlaub was called into action once again at the start of the Korean War, serving with the secretive Joint Advisory Commission, Korea, and conducting covert action operations in China and North Korea, where he also commanded an infantry battalion; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Major General Singlaub was selected as Chief SOG to lead the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and Observation Group, a highly classified organization that was authorized to conduct covert, cross-border operations; and

WHEREAS, Major General Singlaub led his men with vision and moral courage, earning their love and respect throughout the years they served together; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Major General Singlaub earned the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal, and Bronze Star; he also played a key part in the establishment of the Ranger Training Center; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his legacy and contribution to the U.S. special operations community, the United States Army Special Operations Command established the Major General John K. Singlaub/Jedburgh Award in 2016 to recognize exceptional members of the Army commando community; and

WHEREAS, Major General Singlaub was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he is survived by his loving wife, Joan, and their children; and

WHEREAS, Major General Singlaub leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Major General John Singlaub, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Major General Singlaub.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.